

Supplemental Second Preliminary Amendment in Reissue Application For U.S. Patent 6,303,271
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REMARKS

Prior to examination of the application, entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed October 15, 2003, and entry of this Supplemental Second Preliminary Amendment, is requested.

Please do not enter the Second Preliminary Amendment filed October 14, 2004. It has come to the attention of Applicants' representative that the Second Preliminary Amendment filed October 14, 2004 was non-compliant, because claim amendments were shown relative to the claims presented by the previous Preliminary Amendment. Applicants' representative is now aware that all claim amendments must be shown relative to the claims in the patent to be reissued, as set forth in MPEP § 1463. Accordingly, claim amendments presented herein are shown with changes relative to the claims of U.S. Pat. No. 6,303,271.

By this Supplemental Second Preliminary Amendment, claims 37 and 59 are amended, and claims 52, 55, and 62 are cancelled. No new matter is introduced into the application by the claim amendments. After entry of this Supplemental Second Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-51, 53, 54, 56-61, and 63-65 are pending.

For the Examiner's convenience, a marked-up version showing claim amendments relative to the prior version (i.e., the claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed October 15, 2003) is provided as Appendix A. An unmarked listing of all pending claims, after entry of this Supplemental Second Preliminary Amendment, is provided in Appendix B.

Statement of status and support for all changes to the claims

Each of claims 37 and 59 is amended (relative to the version presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed October 15, 2003) to recite a polymerizable radiation-sensitive composition.

Each of claims 37 and 59 is amended (relative to the version presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed October 15, 2003) to recite that the step of imagewise exposing the coating to infrared radiation is done using an infrared laser.

Each of claims 37 and 59 is amended (relative to the version presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed October 15, 2003) to recite that the step of acting on the coating to remove the unexposed areas is done on a printing press.

Support for the amendments to claims 37 and 59 can be found at col. 2, lines 13-18; col. 1, lines 29-31; col. 1, line 66 bridging to col. 2, line 7; and col. 2, lines 39-62.

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Conclusion

Examination of the application is requested. All pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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